

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

For the sake of balance, if nothing else, I urgently recommend - if you permit Sinclair's intervention with his film - showing other films such as a new one called "Preventive warriors" by, I believe, Anson and Burns. This movie would enlighten our citizenry as to the true agenda motivating such engagements as this so-called "war" in Iraq. The FCC must ensure that the propaganda is not released, must protect and preserve the public airwaves for the informative function it can provide to the electorate body, so that that body's consent, when given, is, indeed, informed, and so that the people are not continuously BAMBOOZLED by such corporate fiends as these Cheney/Wolfowitz/Bush family chronies, who, do, indeed, perpetrate their agenda against the globe as well as the U.S. citizens in whose name atrocities are relentlessly committed.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.